



MCL Notes

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2009

VOLUME 4 NUMBER 1

Manchester City Library

405 Pine St. 03104

Summer Hours:

Beginning 6-15-09

Monday, Tuesday
and Thursday

8:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, Friday

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

West Manchester

Community Library

76 N. Main St. 03102

Tel: (603) 624-6560

Summer Hours:

Beginning 6-15-09

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday

12:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Director:

Denise van Zanten

Editor:

Amy Graves

MCL Notes Crew:

Karyn Isleb

Steve Viggiano

Ruth Watts

Graphics /Designer:

Debra M. Young

Contributors:

Sarah Basbas

Mary Gallant

Amy Hanmer

Claudia Mayer

Kate Norton

Beverly Perreault

Eileen A. Reddy

Trustees:

Karen Sheehan-Lord, Chair

Joanne Barrett, Secretary

Monique Brown

Patricia Cornell

Jeff Hickok

Jack Shea

Steve Solomon

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Libraries across the nation have an annual tradition of hosting summer reading programs for our younger patrons. As part of this year's event I would like to invite our adult readers to participate by reviewing the books you read this summer for our online catalog. This gives you a chance to share with others what you thought of that latest best seller or a classic. It is very easy to write a review of a book on our catalog—just click on "write a review," create an account, and share your thoughts about what you have read. To get you started, here are some new titles coming this summer to the library that could use a review:

- *Finger Lickin' Fifteen*
by Janet Evanovich
- *206 Bones* by Kathy Reichs
- *Hard Stop* by Chris Knopf
- *Killer Keepsakes*
by Jane K. Cleland
- *Up at the College*
by Michele Andrea Bowen
- *Gone Tomorrow* by Lee Child
- *American Passage:
The history of Ellis Island*
by Vincent J. Cannato

- *The Hunted* by Brian Haig
- *Dying for Mercy*
by Mary Jane Clark
- *The Elephant Keeper*
by Christopher Nicholson
- *Missing Mark* by Julie Kramer
- *The Dame* by R.A. Salvatore
- *Catherine the Great*
by Simon Dixon
- *Eat Cheap but Eat Well*
by Charles Mattocks
- *Paul Newman: A life*
by Shawn Levy
- *Simply Mexican*
by Lourdes Castro
- *The Tourist* by Olen Steinhauer
- *Roadside Crosses*
by Jeffrey Deaver

We look forward to hosting our summer reading programs and hope library users of all ages will participate. There are many programs planned at our libraries to keep you busy this summer for free. Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer, and be sure to make time to relax with a book.

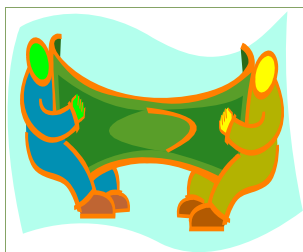
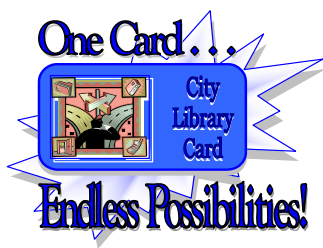
Denise van Zanten
Director

SUMMER HOURS

The libraries return to their summer schedules beginning the week of June 15th. Our last Saturday that we are open is June 13th. Please see the side panel of this page for the summer hours for both libraries!



Save a TREE!



HELP MCL GO GREEN

During the months of July and August, we would like to encourage our library customers to add an email address to their patron accounts. This will help the library save money by cutting down on our use of paper and postage. We are not only trying to help the environment, but to help the city by being fiscally responsible, too.

The library uses email notification to remind you when your materials will be due, and to let you know when you have overdue materials, when you have a book on hold, and when your library card needs to be updated. If you do not already have an email address on file with us, please consider adding one to help the library, our city, and the environment.

LIBRARY TREASURE ON DISPLAY

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln visited Manchester in 1860? The library is the owner of the hotel registry that he signed while visiting the Queen City. The book is on display at the Manchester Historic Association's Millyard Museum as part of the exhibit Abraham Lincoln: Manchester Remembers. We encourage you to visit the exhibit, and don't forget to use our passes to save on admission!

ONE CARD...ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES ON THE HORIZON FOR FALL OF 2009

We are ramping up to begin preparations for our 2009 One Card...Endless Possibilities campaign. Every September, libraries across the United States encourage members of their community to take advantage of the services and materials libraries have to offer by sponsoring a library card campaign. For the last two years, the Manchester City Library has partnered with local businesses to offer discounts and special offers to library customers old and new who present a library card at participating establishments. The library card campaign takes place from September 1st through September 30th. In 2008 we had 33 businesses participate, and are hoping that many of those businesses, as well as new ones, will join us this year. If you are a business owner and are interested in participating, please contact Claudia Mayer at 624-6550 ext. 313 or cmayer@manchesternh.gov.

SAVE MONEY! VISIT THE LIBRARY

Public libraries across the nation are seeing significant increases in usage because people are realizing what a deal visiting the library can be and how easy it is on your wallet. When the economy is doing well it is easy to purchase that bestseller and let it fill up valuable space in your home, but in a recession you

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

do not have to forgo reading your favorite author's newest book. You are, however, more aware about extra costs, so why not turn to your local library to help you save?

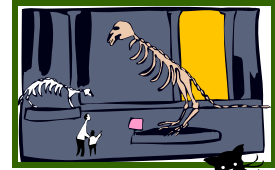
At the Manchester City Library we order books, DVDs, and audiobooks months before the publishing world releases them, so you can place a hold using our online catalog and sit back and wait for us to let you know it has arrived. You can read all the latest bestsellers and watch all the blockbuster movies without having to clutter up your home or empty your wallet to do so.

The average taxpayer in Manchester paid approximately \$37.08 a year for library services in 2008. That's only

\$3.09 a month! For that you can borrow 5 DVDs and 25 books at a time—worth approximately \$520. Want to know exactly how much we are worth to you? Check out the New Hampshire Library Association's library value calculator (<http://www.nhlibrarians.org/calculator.htm>).

We offer free programs for all ages, museum passes for discounted admission fees, and free Internet access via our public computers or wireless network. And if you are looking for a job, we have a new career resource section to assist you.

What are you waiting for? Stop in and visit us and get the best card in the city into your wallet!

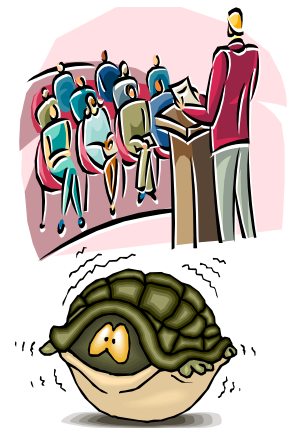


NEW PUBLIC SPEAKING MAGAZINE

Is public speaking one of your greatest fears? Would you like to find a source that could offer tips and advice on how to conquer those fears? The Manchester City Library has received a donation of just such a resource from a thoughtful patron. *Toastmaster* is a magazine for people who have some involvement with public speaking. Some of the many articles included in this magazine are:

- "How to handle a heckler"
- "How much personal information should a speaker share?"
- "Disarm them with debate skills"

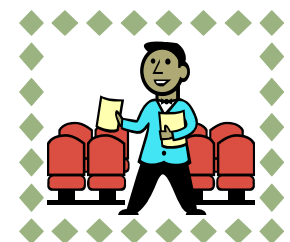
If you think these articles could be useful to you in your job or personal life, come to the library and check out an issue *Toastmaster*. We've been receiving this generous gift since January 2009, and we're trying not to keep it a secret!

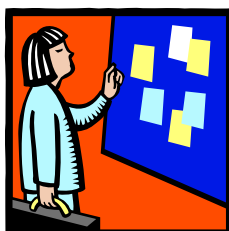


SUMMER MOVIES

- 6/3 - *Slumdog Millionaire* (R, drama)
- 6/10 - *Mamma Mia* (PG-13, musical)

- 6/17 - *O Brother Where Art Thou?* (PG-13, comedy)
- 6/24 - *Medicine Man* (PG-13, drama)





(Continued from page 3)

- 7/1 - *Sweet Liberty* (PG, comedy)
- 7/8 - *Seven Pounds* (PG-13, drama)
- 7/15 - *Dick Tracy* (PG, action)
- 7/22 - *50 First Dates* (PG-13, romantic comedy)
- 7/29 - *Bang the Drum Slowly* (PG, drama)

- 8/5 - *Waking Ned Devine* (PG, comedy)
- 8/12 - *Sixth Sense* (PG, drama/suspense)
- 8/19 - *Fiddler on the Roof* (G, musical)
- 8/26 - *The Pianist* (R, drama)

TUESDAY EVENING MOVIES @ 6PM

- 6/9 - *Doubt* (PG-13, drama)
- 7/14 - *Taken* (PG-13, action)
- 8/11 - *Inkheart* (PG, fantasy/adventure)

JOB SEARCHING SEMINAR

If your career has been downsized in our troubling economy, or you want to be prepared for the "if and when," come spend an hour with Susan Henry on June 8th at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. Susan is a resident of Atkinson, NH and a Certified Career Development Advisor who recently retired from a multifaceted career. She holds a BS in Human Services & Psychology (Springfield College) and Master's Level Certification in Career Development (Plymouth State University).

She plans to cover:

- how to survive a job loss
- latest trends in the on-line job search market
- how to create a resume that will be read and acted upon
- why we still need cover letters
- creating and honing your personal network
- the best on-line search engines
- how to prepare for that crucial interview

If time permits, Susan will gladly give you a 10 minute critique of your current resume. Registration for this program is required, as demand will be high. Please contact Steve Viggiano at 624-6550 ext. 323 or sviggiano@manchesternh.gov to register.

\$5 A BAG BOOKSALE

The Manchester City Library will be holding a Bag Book Sale on Thursday, June 25th from 2:30 to 6:30 PM. For

\$5, you will receive a paper grocery bag that you can fill with the materials avail-

(Continued on page 5)

(Continued from page 4)

able in the Winchell Room. A wide range of books, videos, and sound recordings will be available, and you can round out your afternoon by stopping by the Farmer's Market across the street. For more information, contact Eileen A. Reddy at 624-6550 ext. 319 or ereddy@manchesternh.gov.

For the Teens

ANIME CLUB

Thursdays, June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th from 4:00-5:00 PM in the Winchell Room

The anime club is an informal group where fans can gather to play cards, watch movies,

discuss their favorite characters, and draw! Open to teens in grades 6 to 12.

GUITAR HERO TOURNAMENT

Thursdays, June 18th, July 23rd, and August 27th from 4:00-5:30 PM in the Winchell Room

Come test your skills in tournament style play. Earn 25 points for show-

ing up, 100 if you win, 75 for second and 50 for third place. The top three point-earners for the season will be awarded prizes in August.

DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION TOURNAMENT

Fridays, July 10th and August 14th from 4:00-5:30 PM in the Winchell Room
Join us for a DDR tournament to challenge your friends and even Kate, our Teen Librarian! On August 14th, pizza will be served to celebrate the end of our summer reading program.

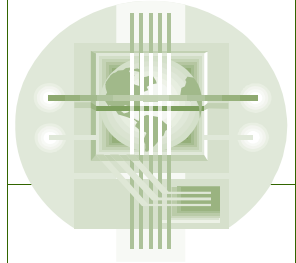
TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Teens, think the library is only a place you go to study? Think again! The Manchester City Library will entertain you with hot reads, cool activities, and nifty prizes! Youths ages 12 through 18 are invited to participate in the teen summer reading program from June 29th to August 7th.

Participation is easy. Each time you read a book, fill out a short form with the book information. These forms double as raffle tickets. Attend one of our Teen programs and earn two raffle tickets just for showing up. We're only promising you a summer of fun!

For more information on teen programs, contact Kate Norton at 624-6550 ext. 342, knorton@manchesternh.gov, or AIM [katehwt](#).

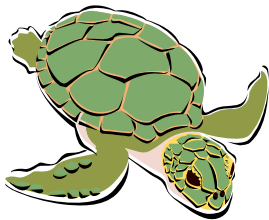
Sign up to receive
MCL Notes



ONLINE!

Go to our Website at
www.manchester.lib.nh.us





THURSDAYS AT 6PM IN VICTORY PARK



Our Family Fare series in the park has been sponsored by the community and the library trustees for the past 17 years. The series is for families to come and enjoy all-ages

entertainment, and takes place over six weeks during the summer. In the event of rain, the programs will be held in the library auditorium.

7/9 WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS: LIVING TREASURE

Take a Pirate Journey! Discover the places the pirates of the Caribbean would have gone, and get to touch and hold some of the same animals that they would have met during their voyages. You will be introduced to animals that pirates would have used for food, would have feared, and would have treasured for their feel! **Sponsored by NHVirtualLaw.com.**

7/16 MARCUS GALE

Funny stories, playful puppet friends, and original dance music. Is it the twinkle in his eye, his mel-low guitar and warm singing style,

or the humorous surprises that children love? **Sponsored by the Library Trustees.**

7/23 DAN GRADY AND HIS MARVELOUS MARIONETTES

This show is a fast-paced stringed puppet production comprised of routines that are sure delight everyone. The acts include tightrope and trapeze artistry as performed by Eadarg Brothers and the country western strumming and crooning of Conway Kitty. **Sponsored by the Library Trustees.**

7/30 MR. PHIL

Mr. Phil is funny, energetic, and a great magician. His tricks and humor appeal to a wide age range, from kids to adults. **Sponsored by Members First Credit Union.**

8/6 WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS-OUTBACK ADVENTURE

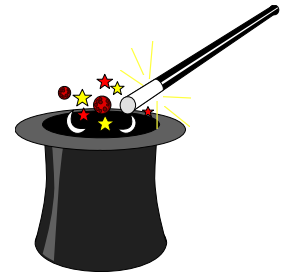
Kids will be thrilled to see a little kangaroo (aka wallaby) hop around before their very eyes! Featuring a wide variety of Australian and South

Pacific region species, this new program is sure to be a big hit.
Sponsored by the Library Trustees.



8/13 THE NORMAN MAGIC EXPERIENCE

The show features never before seen magic, laugh out loud comedic situations, and the best part--it stars you, the audience.
Sponsored by Citizens Bank.



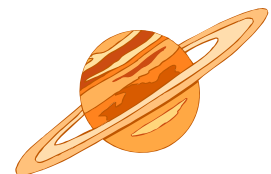
STARWATCH PROGRAM

Family Astronomy Program Coming in July!
Learn about stars and other objects! There will be a sign-up sheet for a future field trip to view deep sky objects through a telescope! Don't miss this free, fascinating, family fun.

When: July 7th from 2pm-3pm

Where: Manchester City Library Winchell Room

Who: Marc Stowbridge of the New Hampshire Astronomical Society



IN THE KIDS ROOM

Summer Reading Program

Are you looking for something free and fun for something for your children to do this summer? Join us at the Manchester City Library for our annual Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is, "Summertime and the Reading is...FUN." Between June 29th and August 7th the children's department will offer a variety of activities and programs including the return of Karina Bertrand and her music, the Amoskeag Fishways, and the always entertaining Majestic Theatre Trust.

Our weekly programs will be:

- Family storytimes on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

- Summer crafts on Thursdays at 9:30 AM (**registration required**)
- Lapsit storytimes on Fridays at 9:30 AM

Throughout the summer children are encouraged to read, or have read to them, 10 books. Librarians and volunteers will be available daily to share stories, chart books and award prizes. Many other fun activities, raffles and programs are planned, so come to the beach with us for a summer full of reading fun! For more information call Beverly Perreault at 624-6550 ext. 328.





MUSIC PROGRAMS WITH KARINA BERTRAND

The children's department is pleased to offer music programs on three consecutive Wednesday mornings in July. On July 8th, 15th and 22nd at 10:00 AM Karina will share her love of music with children ages 0-6. For 45 minutes children will explore sound through singing, storytelling, moving, listening and playing instruments. Karina is a pianist and vocalist with over 10 years experience teaching music from grades PreK-12. Her programs support the child's total development—physical, emotional, social, and cognitive—so join us for some musical fun! For more information call Beverly Perreault at 624-6550 ext. 328.



SUMMER LUAU

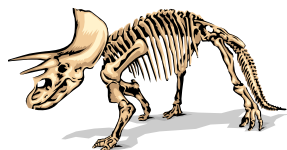
Let's celebrate the arrival of summer with a luau on Monday, June 15th at 11:00 AM in the Winchell Room. We will dress in our grass skirts, dance the limbo, play pineap-

ple bowling, and make a special craft. A snack will be provided. Children ages 1-5 years are invited. Registration is recommended. For more information call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.



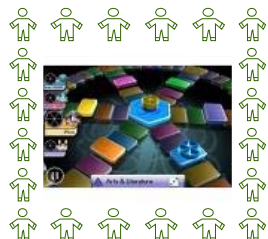
WE ARE GOING TO THE BEACH!

Come dress in your best beach attire for this fun party on Monday, July 13th at 11:00 AM. We will meet in the Winchell Room for stories, games and a simple craft, then parade through the library, finishing up on the south lawn under the trees for a picnic. Please bring a blanket and picnic lunch. Children ages 1 to 5 years old are invited. Registration is recommended. For more information call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.



DIGGING FOR DINOSAURS

Join us as we hunt for dinosaurs on Monday, August 17th at 11:00 AM in the Winchell Room. Listen to dinosaur stories, make a dinosaur craft, and go outdoors on a dinosaur hunt. A snack will be served. In the event of rain, the dinosaur hunt will be held indoors. This program is for children 1 to 5 years old. **Registration is required.** For more information call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.



LIFE-SIZE TRIVIAL PURSUIT

On Friday, June 26th at 2:30 PM in the Winchell Room will be playing Life-Size Trivial Pursuit. Come test

your skills as you move around the game board answering questions

(Continued on page 9)

(Continued from page 8)

about children's entertainment, fiction, fairy tales, picture books, and nonfiction. The team with the most pie pieces wins! For grades K-8. Registration is recommended. For more information call Karyn at 624-6550 ext 335.

LIFE-SIZE CLUE

On Friday, July 17th at 2:30 PM in the Winchell Room will be playing Life-Size Clue. Was it Professor Plum in Library with the lead pipe, or perhaps Mrs.

White in the Dining Room with the rope? Become the characters to solve the mystery. For grades K-8. Registration is recommended. For more information call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.

PROCESS ART STORYTIME

On Thursday, June 4th at 11:00 AM in the Winchell Room, kids ages 2-5 are invited to join us for stories and art endeavors that emphasize the creative process more than the end product.

Don't wear your best clothes—we may make a mess! (No promises, though.) For more information call Amy at 624-6550 ext. 328.

BIRTHDAY PARTY STORYTIME

Have you had a birthday within the past 365 days? If so, come celebrate with Ms. Amy as she turns 28 on Thursday, June 11th at 11:00 AM in the Winchell Room. We'll read stories about birthdays and play some fun party games! Cupcakes are limited, so **registration is required**. This program is geared toward ages 2 to 5. For more information, call Amy at 624-6550 ext. 328.

MOVEMENT STORYTIME

On Thursday, June 18th at 11:00 AM in the Winchell Room, active 2 to 5-year-olds can use up some of their energy at this movement-oriented storytime, where sitting still is kept to a minimum. We'll dance, stretch, jump, play, and maybe run (a little). With any luck, we may even have a positive impact on flexibility and coordination. For more information call Amy at 624-6550 ext. 328.

END OF THE SUMMER READING PARTY

Join us for our summer reading celebration on Thursday, August 13th at 2:00 PM in the auditorium as we present the Majestic Theatre Trust with their performance of *The Big Bad Musical*. The MTT is made up of young performers

from our own community, and it is sure to be a good time. There will also be raffles and awards with refreshments following the show. We hope to see you there to honor our

(Continued on page 10)





WE'RE ON THE WEB!
Go to
www.manchester.lib.nh.us



(Continued from page 9)

great group of summer readers. No registration required. For more information call Beverley Perreault at 624-6550 ext. 328.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN PARTY

On Tuesday, August 25th at 11:00 AM in the Winchell Room we will be holding a very special party for children who will be entering kindergarten this fall. Listen to kindergarten stories, play some fun

games, make a special craft, and register for the most important school supply—a library card! A snack will be served. **Registration is required.** For more information call Karyn at 624-6550 ext. 335.

MUSEUM PASSES

Did you know that Museum Passes are available at both the Manchester City Library and the West Manchester Community Library? Reserving them is easy. You need to be a Manchester city resident, 18 years or older, and have a valid, fine-free library card. Passes can be reserved up to sixty days in advance. Since there are a limited number of passes available, patrons are allowed one pass per week and a specific museum's pass once a month.

If you want to reserve a pass or to see the list of museum passes that are available, please visit our website, www.manchester.lib.nh.us, then click on "Museum Passes." This year we added the Peabody Essex Museum of Salem, MA. Please be aware that the list of available museums can change, and passes are not always renewed when they expire. If you have any questions, please call the Children's Room, 624-6550 ext. 314.

WEST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY EVENTS

Monday, June 29th at 2:00 PM

We'll kick off the Summer Reading Program with a performance by UNH's theatre group The Little Red Wagon. They'll present A Midsummer Night's

Dream, which has been adapted for children. This performance will take place at the Senior Center next door to the West Manchester Library. No registration required.

Tuesdays, July 7th, 14th, and 21st at 10:00 AM

Join us on 3 successive Thursdays for a unique music program presented by Karina Bertrand, a pianist and vocalist with over 10 years experience teaching music. She'll get children singing and dancing with her 45-minute program that is suitable for children ages 0-6. No registration required.

August 13th at 10:00 AM

The Majestic Theater will present "Big Bad Musical", a musical show for children. This performance will take place at the Senior Center next door to the West Manchester Library. No registration required.

August 5th at 6:30 PM

Children are invited to Kids' Bingo Night for fun, prizes, special raffles,

and ice cream. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the West Manchester Community Library.

MOVIES

Movies - Starting July 10th our usual Friday movie will start at 2:00 so that we can have a Harry Potter marathon. We'll be showing the following movies on the big screen in our air-conditioned media room – it's almost like being in a movie theater!

July 10th - *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
 July 17th - *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*
 July 24th - *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*
 July 31st - *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*
 August 7th - *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

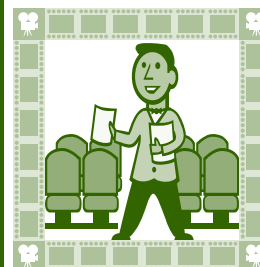
MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Foundation held their Seventh Annual Spring Author Fundraiser on April 15th as part of our National Library Week celebrations. Our guest author, Jane K. Cleland, launched her newest mystery, *Killer Keepsake*, that evening! We were all entertained by the banter between her and our interviewer, Rebecca Rule.

A special thank you to our corporate donors for sponsoring this year's event:

- Ahh-some Gourmet Coffee
- Ash Street Inn
- Automania
- Baker, Newman & Noyes
- Dr. Thomas & Mrs. Barrett
- Bellman Jewelers, Inc.
- Berard & Martel Architects
- Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker
- Berstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson
- C.B. Sullivan
- Central Paper
- Centrix Bank & Trust
- CIGNA Healthcare of New Hampshire
- Copy Express
- Dennis Mires, PA
- The Doctor's Office
- Dumbass Gifts
- Eaton Partners, Inc.
- Ferro Tec
- Gibson's Bookstore
- Granite State Credit Union
- Grubb & Ellis/Coldstream Real Estate
- Havin Fun Roasters, LLC
- Heritage Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Inc.
- Howe, Riley & Howe, PLLC
- Inex Capital & Growth Advisors
- Jacques
- Joe Kelly's
- KSF International

(Continued on page 12)



(Left) Jane Cleland
(Right) Rebecca Rule



back row, left to right-
 Dan Scanlon,
 Chairman of the Event
 John Deachman,
 Foundation Chairman
 front row, left to right-
 Jane Cleland, Author
 Rebecca Rule, Interviewer

**MCL Foundation
Thanks You!**



(Continued from page 11)

- Stephanie and Thomas Lewry
- David & Rosamond Lockwood
- Manchester Harley Davidson, Buell
- Martignetti Companies of NH
- McDevitt Trucks, Inc.
- McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, PA
- Molloy Sound & Video Contractors
- NAI/Norwood Group
- NHVirtualLaw.com
- Ocean Bank

- The Orthopedic Center
- Pittsburgh Networks
- Print Savvy, Inc.
- R&W Cleaning Services, Inc.
- Mr. & Mrs. Steven Shubert
- Tidewater Hospitality Resources
- X Treme Limousine

The Foundation would like to thank all of our attendees for helping to make this year's event so successful!

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS PAGE

ON MCL WEBSITE GETS A FACELIFT

The library website has a brand new government documents section! It contains many of the helpful government resources previously found at our website, but now contains many new sites as well. Below are the categories on the government documents page and a summary of what that section offers. To access the information, simply go to our website, (www.manchester.lib.nh.us), click on "Research," then "Government Documents," and voila--you're there! Your suggestions for additions to the government documents page are welcome.

ALL THINGS NEW HAMPTSHIRE

Whether you're new to the state or have lived here all your life, this section provides information you can use. Links include state resources

covering Medicare, homeowner, job and career assistance; state newspapers; election and tourism links; and the New Hampshire State laws and constitution.

EDUCATIONHELPS

This section contains a wide variety of topics for teachers, kids of all ages, and parents. No matter what your project is regarding the federal government or its agencies, you can find information here. Need to apply for a student loan? You can do that here, too! See also Government Grants section for more school loan links.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Get complete contact information for your member of Congress or Senate,

(Continued on page 13)

(Continued from page 12)

and absentee and overseas voters can find information at the Federal Voting Assistance Program link. This section also contains links to the IRS, citizenship, benefits for veterans, legislation status, and guide for new immigrants.

GENEALOGY

Search here for vital records such as birth and death certificates, as well as and other information on deceased persons.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Grants for students, parents, teachers, for-profit and non-profit organizations can be found here. Contains specific links for the National Endowment for the Arts as well as U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

HEALTH INFO

Healthcare topics such as finding a doctor or a health center can be found here. Your child may qualify for healthcare; go to the Insure Kids Now link to

find out. This section also contains information specifically on women's healthcare. Some sites are in Spanish.

LAW HELPS

Search active legislation in the house and senate, find criminal statistics, and get the text of laws from 1994 to the present.

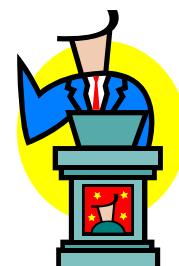
MILITARY FAMILIES

This section provides information to families with those who are serving or who have served in the military. Voting assistance, healthcare, vocational rehabilitation, and the online version

of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents." The hardcopy version of the pamphlet is also available at Manchester City Library, available for you to borrow.

POLITICIAN ACCOUNTABILITY

Here is a great place to do research on your elected representatives. This section contains a directory of lobbying organizations in the U.S. Fact Check, often quoted in the media, seeks to "hold politicians accountable". You can also find legislation statuses in this section.





STATISTICAL HELPS

Find census information for adults and kids, as well as criminal statistics.

VOTER HELPS

Check out this section before heading to the voting booth! Have a hot button

issue? Check how your member of congress voted on it, then find out how the lobbying organization for that issue rates your member of con-

LIBRARY WRITERS GROUP-WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Recently a patron asked if we had a writers' group at the library. We don't, but we could start one in the fall, if we know you're interested.

Are you looking for a place to connect with other writers, get inspiration and feedback on your work, and improve your craft? Would you be willing to facilitate a writers' group? If you answered "yes" to either question, please contact Steve Viggiano at sviggiano@manchesternh.gov or 624-6550 x 323.

Please include in your response what you like to write (poetry, drama, fiction, etc.).

Like you, we strive for success, and a writers' group requires a good mix of personalities and agreed-upon expectations to succeed. We'll make our ultimate decision to host a writers' group based on how successful a group we can put together, given your responses.

MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY CELEBRATES IT'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY AS A FEDERAL BOOK DEPOSITORY

Since 1884, Manchester City Library has been a Federal Depository Library, courtesy of Congress and Title 44 of the U.S. Code. Government publications are available in print, microfiche, or the Internet. They include a wide variety of topics for use in research papers or for general knowledge on areas such as U.S. legislation, health, and census information. As a selective-designated depository, the Manchester City Library houses roughly 26% of all documents available through the Government Printing Office. Our library has approximately 10,460

items (not including electronic items). In 2008, the library circulated approximately 170 government documents. Can't get to the library? Then please visit the library government document webpage for a list of websites organized by topic of interest. Simply logon to our website at www.manchester.lib.nh.us/ then click on Research, then click on Government Documents. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of our friendly Information Desk Staff. Happy Birthday MCL Federal Government Documents!